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SUBJECT: POSSIBLE UNSC MEETING ON TERRORISM

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1. I MET WITH FAHMY TODAY TO CONVEY YOUR REACTION TO HIS IDEA OF ENCOURAGING THE VENEZUELANS TO ASK FOR A UNSC MEETING ON TERRORISM. I TOLD HIM WE INTEND TO EXPLORE THE MATTER WITH THE VENEZUELANS, ALTHOUGH WE ARE NOT SURE HOW SERIOUS THEY ARE ON TAKING THE MATTER TO THE UN. AS WE UNDERSTAND THEIR PERTINENT PUBLIC STATEMENTS, THEY APPEAR TO BE CALLING FOR A SPECIAL GA RATHER THAN SC MEETING. WE WILL THEREFORE TRY TO ENCOURAGE THEM TO ASK FOR AN EARLY SC MEETING INSTEAD. I PASSED ON YOUR QUERY WHETHER FAHMY THOUGHT THE EGYPTIANS OR SAUDIS MIGHT ALSO TAKE A QUIET INITIATIVE WITH THE VENEZUELANS TO INDICATE AN INTEREST ON THEIR PART IN AN EARLY SC MEETING ON TERRORISM. IF THE MATTER IS TO BE TAKEN TO THE SC, EXPEDITIOUS ACTION IS CLEARLY NEEDED.

2. FAHMY ACKNOWLEDGED HE HAD NOT REALIZED VENEZUELANS WERE TALKING ABOUT A GA MEETING. HIS IMMEDIATE REACTION TO THE IDEA OF ASKING THE VENEZUELANS TO SHIFT TO THE SC WAS THAT THIS MIGHT BE TOO TRANSPARENT. IT

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WOULD AT ONCE BE SEEN AS A DELIBERATE EFFORT TO

SIDETRACK A SCHEDULED ME DEBATE AND COULD BACKFIRE. IN HIS VIEW, AN UNGA DEBATE ON TERRORISM COULD SERVE THE SAME PURPOSE HE INITIALLY HAD IN MIND. IT WOULD PROBABLY BE A PROTRACTED DEBATE AND WOULD EXPOSE THE ROLE OF THE PALESTINIANS IN THE OPEC INCIDENT. THIS, HE BELIEVES, MIGHT ALREADY MAKE POSSIBLE A POSTPONEMENT OF THE SC ME DEBATE.

3. FAHMY SAID HE DID NOT SEE HOW GOE CAN APPROACH THE VENEZUELANS ON THIS SUBJECT. HE COULD NOT SPEAK FOR THE SAUDIS. MOREOVER, IF ASKED ABOUT SUCH A MEETING, GOE WILL PROBABLY HAVE TO SAY NO, BUT THIS WILL DEPEND ENTIRELY UPON THE REACTION OF THE OTHER ARAB STATES. EGYPT CANNOT BE OUT OF STEP WITH THE OTHER ARAB STATES IN THIS MATTER. IF, HOWEVER, THE VENEZUELANS CAN BE INDUCED TO ASK FOR AN UNGA MEETING, HE THOUGHT HE WOULD STILL BE ABLE TO SAY A WORD TO THE PLO THAT THIS IS THE WRONG TIME FOR A MAJOR MIDDLE EAST DEBATE.

4. I TOLD FAHMY THAT I FOUND MOST DISAPPOINTING HIS STATEMENT THAT GOE WILL PROBABLY HAVE TO VOTE AGAINST SUCH MEETING IF OTHER ARAB STATES DO. HIS IDEA HAD BEEN A CONSTRUCTIVE ONE AND HAD BEEN MUCH APPRECIATE. I THOUGHT GOE SHOULD BE CONSISTENT AND SUPPORT CALL FOR SUCH MEETING. HE HAD FREQUENTLY SPOKEN TO ME ABOUT GOE'S STRONG CONDEMNATION OF ACTS OF TERRORISM. IF GOE REALLY MEANS THIS, IT OUGHT TO SUPPORT SUCH A MEETING. FAHMY INSISTED THAT GOE DOES OPPOSE TERRORISM, BUT ALSO CONTENTED SINAI II HAS ALREADY ISOLATED EGYPT TOO MUCH. GOE CANNOT, THEREFORE, APPEAR TO "AMERICAN STOOGES" AND OUT OF STEP WITH OTHER ARAB STATES.

5. I TOLD HIM ANY GOE ACTION TO DENOUNCE TERRORISM IS HARDLY BEING AN "AMERICAN STOOGES." I URGED THAT, IF VENEZUELANS CAN BE PERSUADED TO MOVE AHEAD, GOE INDICATE ITS APPROVAL FOR SUCH DEBATE. FAHMY REMAINED NON-COMMITAL AND REITERATED GOE WOULD HAVE TO SEE REACTION OF OTHER ARAB STATES.

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